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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1593

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by deleting § 49-6-2309(a) in the amendatory language of Section 2 and substituting instead the following:

(a) A school shall provide a United States department of agriculture reimbursable meal to each student who requests one and qualifies for free or reduced-price meals under the eligibility rules promulgated by the state board of education pursuant to § 49-6-2303(2) and (3), unless the student's parent or guardian directs the school, in writing, to withhold the meal.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following as a new subsection (e) in § 49-6-2309 in the amendatory language of Section 2:

(e) This section does not prohibit or inhibit a school from referring a student's parent or guardian to the department of children's services for investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the language "or stigmatize" in § 49-6-2310(a)(1) in the amendatory language of Section 2.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting from § 49-6-2310(a)(3) in the amendatory language of Section 2 the language "Prohibit a student who cannot pay for a meal, or who has accumulated a meal debt," and substituting instead "Prohibit a minor student who cannot pay for a meal, or who has accumulated a meal debt, except as provided in subsection (b).".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting § 49-6-2310(b) in the amendatory language of Section 2 and substituting instead the following:

(b) A school may ask a student who does not qualify for free or reduced-price meals under the eligibility rules promulgated by the state board of education pursuant to



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§ 49-6-2303(2), and who is lawfully employed and, through such employment, receives an income in an amount that exceeds the amount of the accumulated meal debt, to pay the meal debt if the student's parent or guardian fails to pay the meal debt, before the student may participate in a school-related event or activity, graduate or participate in a graduation ceremony, or receive a diploma.

(c) A school shall direct communications about a student's meal debt to the student's parent or guardian and not to the student, except as provided in subsection (b). This subsection (c) does not prohibit a school from sending a student home with a letter addressed to the student's parent or guardian regarding a meal debt that is owed to the school.

(d) A school shall inform a student's parent or guardian, and not the student, that the parent or guardian may be referred to the department of children's services for investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect if the school reasonably believes that the accumulation of a meal debt, or the parent's or guardian's decision to withhold a United States department of agriculture reimbursable meal from a student who otherwise qualifies for one under the eligibility rules promulgated by the state board of education pursuant to § 49-6-2303(2) and (3), may be due to child abuse or neglect.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting § 49-6-2311 in the amendatory language of Section 2 and substituting instead the following:

49-6-2311.

A school shall not require a student's parent or guardian to pay fees or costs from collection agencies hired to collect a meal debt if the meal debt was accumulated for meals provided to a student who qualified for free or reduced-price meals under the eligibility rules promulgated by the state board of education pursuant to § 49-6-2303(2) at the time the meal debt was accumulated.